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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

This first newsletter of 2024 is also the first under our editorship. We would like to thank Prof Subhadra Mitra Channa and Prof Junji Koizumi for their dedication and work in producing the newsletter during the tenure of the previous IUAES EC (2018 – 2023). We hope that the newsletter during the current IUAES EC's tenure can approach the standard the previous editors have achieved. We are trialing with this issue a collaborative initiative with the Department of Anthropology of the University of Delhi, using the design expertise of members of the department to produce a visually attractive format for our newsletter. We thank the Multimedia and Visual Ethnography lab, especially Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo and all other members for carrying out this collaboration. IUAES News will continue to be issued on a bi-annual basis (June and December)

Where relevant, the newsletter will also include coverage of activities and initiatives of the World Anthropological Union (WAU) as whole, as well as notifications of World Council of Anthropological Association (WCAA) activities and initiatives, although those are covered more comprehensively in the Quarterly Newsletter of the WCAA, available online (<https://waunet.org/wcaa/newsletters/>).

This edition focuses particularly on items stemming from the 2023 IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Conference held in October 2023 in Delhi, including not only a report on the congress as a whole from the Conference Chair, but also reports from various IUAES commissions focusing on their panels and other activities during the congress, as well as activities beyond the congress. It also includes an obituary of one of the longest-serving members of the IUAES, Professor Dorothy Billings, as well as a report on the participation of the representative of the IUAES-WAU in the Global Knowledge Dialogue Summit held in Kuala Lumpur on October 6, 2023. The newsletter ends with the latest updates concerning the upcoming WAU Congress in Johannesburg, South Africa, in November 2024.

We welcome suggestions from readers of this newsletter for other sorts of features that you would like to see included in the newsletter (e.g. profiles of long-term or new members of the IUAES, reports on other types of anthropological initiatives (e.g. outreach activities) of interest and relevance to the IUAES throughout the world, and other topics you think may be important for this newsletter to cover). The newsletter will certainly evolve in the next few years, as the integration of the WCAA and IUAES continues within WAU. The labelling of the recent world congress as an IUAES-WAU event and the transition of IUAES inter-congresses to WAU congresses being initiated with the Johannesburg WAU Congress both testify to the progress of this integration. Perhaps in the future we will see the emergence of a WAU newsletter to complement (or replace?) the newsletters currently issued by the IUAES and WCAA. The task of integration has begun at the level of WAU, and the momentum is well articulated with the bicameral structure of IUAES and WCAA.

Greg Acciaioli
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FROM THE IUAES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of IUAES welcomes all its members !!!

The new IUAES Executive Committee (EC) elected in the Fall of 2023 in the northern hemisphere and the spring of the same year in the southern hemisphere has been hard at work since late October. It now includes Isaac Nyamongo (Kenya) as President, Virginia R. Dominguez (USA) as Secretary-General, Helen Macdonald (South Africa) as Treasurer, Soumendra Mohan Patnaik (India) as Senior Vice-President, Felipe Fernandes (Brazil) as Head of the Council of Commissions, Anita Nudelman (Israel) as Deputy Head of the Council of Commissions, Greg Acciaioli (Australia) as Vice-President, Natalia Bloch (Poland) as Vice-President, Miriam Grossi (Brazil) as Vice-President, Fernando Salmeron (Mexico) as Vice-President, and Junji Koizumi (Japan) as non-voting former President.

We are happy to inform you that EC holds regular monthly meetings and regularly shares opinions via Whatsapp and email. The EC has also already had a joint meeting with the Organizing Committee of the WCAA in order to continue the process voted on in 2018 of creating a World Anthropological Union (WAU) and unifying our efforts to present the world with a united anthropological front. One example of this effort to move forward is the November 2024 Congress in Johannesburg, South Africa, which will be the first officially called a WAU Congress. Another example is the letter sent jointly by IUAES President Isaac Nyamongo and WCAA Chair Gordon Mathews to the leadership of the University of Kent, which had been contemplating closing down its School of Anthropology and Conservation. And a third example is the migration of all IUAES materials from Nomad IT to Raul Moyado Sandoval's company in Mexico, which WAU and the WCAA have been using very successfully for the past few years.

Other items the IUAES Executive Committee has transacted over the past few months include: (1) approving two new IUAES Commissions, one on Anthropological Publishing and one on Anthropology and Religion; (2) creating an office for better dissemination of information, headed by Ricardo Fagoaga, and officially called (at least for now) the Administrative Office for Communication and Digital Impact; and (3) the creation of an interns project, spearheaded by Anita Nudelman, with 26 of 29 applicants accepted and recently assigned to different IUAES commissions. Ricardo Fagoaga also led the training of the 26 advanced students who will especially help the commissions with social media.

Under discussion are also several other items: (1) how to appeal to younger anthropologists and how to lead members to become more active; (2) where the 2025 and 2026 WAU congresses and the 2027 WAU World Congress will take place (with interest already shown by people in Hong Kong, Guadalajara (Mexico), Lisbon (Portugal), Aotearoa New Zealand, and Croatia); (3) how IUAES membership fees will work now that World Congresses are under the auspices of WAU and not solely the IUAES; and (4) how the IUAES Newsletter will be configured in the future (alternating with the WCAA newsletter or creating a joint digital newsletter, and whether each newsletter will report on WAU content as well as IUAES or WCAA content).

THE 19TH IUAES-WAU WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY CONGRESS - 2023

The 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Conference was held in India in 2023, centered around the theme Marginalities, Uncertainties, and World Anthropologies: Enlivening Past and Envisioning Future. This significant event, taking place from October 14 to October 20, marked a noteworthy return to India after 45 years, as Delhi had hosted in 1978 the 10th ICAES (i.e International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences), as IUAES World Congresses were formerly labelled. The University of Delhi, in collaboration with the Indian Anthropological Association, served as the main host and organizer, along with other institutions. The inauguration of the congress was graced by Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice- Chancellor University of Delhi, who also served as the Chief Guest and Patron.

Aligned with its thematic focus, the congress explored a broad spectrum of human experiences by taking the anthropological perspective of holism cutting across various sub-fields of the discipline, including biological anthropology, prehistoric archaeology, and social and cultural anthropology, in terms of the human past, present, and future.

The academic journey commenced on October 14 with key meetings, featuring a joint session between the IUAES EC and WCAA OC, culminating in a vibrant musical night. Academic sessions on October 15 included panels, open panels, and workshops, officially inaugurated with keynote addresses by Dame A. Marilyn Strathern, Ravindra K. Jain, and Ravindra S. Khare, showcasing their significant contributions to anthropology. Subsequent days included diverse concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, ethnographic film screenings, and the presentation of accolades. An overview of sessions from October 15 to October 19 revealed a total of 3 keynotes, 3 plenary sessions, 137 panels, 16 sister panels, 30 open panels, 18 roundtables, 8 workshops, 2 Critique of Anthropology panels for young anthropologists (COA), and 3 special panels with invited speakers, and a total of 1159 papers presented across the 137 panels and 16 sister panels, with 1008 papers in the former and 151 in the latter. Plenary sessions delved into crucial topics such as sustainability science, pandemic dynamics, and the intersections of caste, tribe, and gender within the global anthropological discourse. Notable speakers, including Prof. Vesna Vucinic, Prof. Luci Attala, Dr. Helen Macdonald, Prof. Thomas Reuter, and Shri Subrata Bagchi, shared valuable insights at these plenary sessions.



Special sessions were organised to bestow Lifetime Achievement Awards and recognise distinguished career contributions. These sessions were organised to honour senior anthropologists for their sustained impact, acknowledging their pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of anthropological scholarship. This session provided an opportunity to reflect on their legacies and continued influence.

The reputed anthropology journal Critique of Anthropology collaborated with the IUAES to sponsor the awards of “Critique of Anthropology for Young Anthropologists”. The Critique of Anthropology Panel for Young Researchers sparked insightful discussions and reflections on various contemporary issues by the young researchers. Abstracts/papers were accepted globally from early-career young anthropologists and subjected to critical scrutiny by panel members of both international and national repute in order to select the winners. Generously supported by the journal Critique of Anthropology, participation grants were awarded to five young researchers to attend the conference in-person and present on diverse topics, offering fresh perspectives and critical analyses. This panel was moderated by Dr. Heather O’Leary, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida.

During the panel, Kamal Chaudhary, a doctoral student at the University of Delhi, India, presented his on-going work titled “Rethinking the Notion of ‘Second Home’: Fluid Identities and Cosmopolitan Impact”, which explores the complex dynamics of urbanization in India and challenges the conventional understanding of “home”. By reflecting on the multifaceted dimensions of “second home”, Chaudhury highlighted the social, cultural, economic, and affective aspects embedded within this concept.



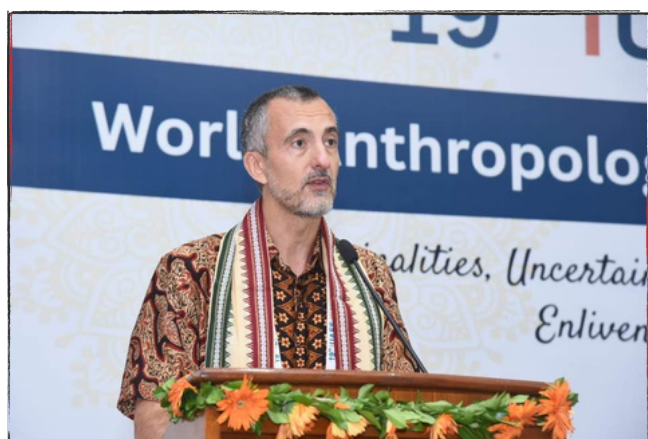
Ropfuvino Krose, a PhD Scholar at NIT Nagaland, India, shed light on the structural violence faced by marginalized communities, focusing on the Yimkhuing tribe in Nagaland. Through her presentation, Krose explained the vicious cycle of structural violence and its profound impact on the rural poor, urging for greater attention to their plight through an anthropological lens.

Rituraj Sharma's presentation, "Asserting the Right to Play: An Account of Children's Everyday Play in Delhi", offered an in-depth examination of children's experiences in urban neighborhoods. By advocating for child-friendly spaces, Sharma emphasized the importance of creating inclusive environments that enable children to explore and thrive.

Julián Cuaspa Ropaín's presentation tackled the challenges faced by cultural institutions in Latin America amidst neoliberalism and political turmoil. Through his ethnographic research in Brazil and Colombia, Ropaín highlighted the pauperization of cultural institutions and underscored the need for political resistance to protect cultural heritage.

Aayushi Malhotra's presentation critically analyzed the state of knowledge production in Indian Anthropology, proposing innovative approaches to revitalize research practices. By advocating for scaling up or across and zooming out, Malhotra emphasized the importance of broadening research scopes and transcending the limitations of conventional case studies.

Overall, the panel on Critique of Anthropology provided a platform for rigorous intellectual exchange and showcased the diversity of anthropological research, addressing pressing issues from urbanization and cultural preservation to structural violence and knowledge production. It highlighted the vital role that the anthropological lens and training can provide in understanding and addressing contemporary societal challenges.



The cultural evening series, ***Kala Utsava***, showcased various musical and dance forms representing Indian culture. This series, held each evening of the congress, brought together undergraduate, postgraduate, and research scholars from the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi. The entire series was coordinated by Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo, Associate Professor, Sonuja Barik, Research Scholar, Sudeshna Biswas, Senior Research Fellow of the department of Anthropology University of Delhi.

Special attractions of the congress also included short speech competitions, exhibitions on “Sacred Groves of India” and “Glorious Bhimbetka”, and book launches, adding depth to delegates’ cultural immersion.

One of the important events of World Congress was screening of ethnographic films on the themes ranging from water, gender, livelihood, sustainable development, identity, tribal community, indigenous knowledge system, sports from across the globe. Out of many entries, only 20 films were selected for screening. Films of 10 minutes to 2 hours were screened on three days post lunch sessions. The coordination was led by the Visual Ethnography Lab, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi.

Other events included the IUAES-EC meetings, the WCAA International Delegates’ meeting, and the IUAES & WCAA OC Joint Meeting, taking place on 20 October.

Soumendra Mohan Patnaik

Conference Chair, 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023



REPORTS FROM IUAES SCIENTIFIC COMMISSIONS

Commission on Aging and the Life Course

The IUAES Commission on Aging and the Life Course (CALC) was proud to have two affiliated panels at the 2023 WAU-IUAES World Anthropology Congress, Delhi. We are particularly happy with the enthusiastic response to our on-site panel, which received 22 abstract submissions, nearly all of which were from students and scholars from across India.

The title of the on-site panel was “Envisioning World Anthropologies of Aging and the Life Course: Bringing the Marginal to the Center.” The goal was to bring new voices into the field of the anthropology of aging by showcasing innovative anthropological work on aging by scholars based outside of the “Global North” and those who conduct fieldwork in collaboration with older people in areas of the world typically considered “young”. As Euro-American discourses on “active aging”, “frailty” and other individualizing models of the medicalized aging body and mind become global models, we believe it is more important than ever to highlight alternative understandings of aging and its place in social relationships.

The co-convenors of the panel were: Prof. Tannistha Samanta, FLAME University; Dr. Supriya Akerkar, Oxford Brookes University; and Dr. Jason Danely, Oxford Brookes University. Of the 22 submissions, the co-convenors accepted 17: (for detailed list of papers and contributors, please [click here](#))

The congress not only gave us a chance to get to know each other and be inspired by each other’s research, but it was also an opportunity to begin planning work on a major edited volume based on the aims of the panel. Just prior to the congress, we received word that our proposal for the Routledge Handbook of Anthropological and Development Studies Approaches to Aging was accepted for publication. We discussed how potential contributors might be able to frame their papers to fit this handbook’s audience. Several of the panel participants will also be participating (online) in the EASA AgeNet 2024 Conference in Venice and plan to attend the WAU Congress later this year.

CALC also provided affiliation with one online panel session “Anthropology of Epidemics: Biological and Cultural Factors associated with the Epidemics in the Contemporary Era” (P072), co-convened by Divesh Dik, Ph.D. (Panjab University, India) and Reddi Sekhara Yalamala, Ph.D. (Dalhousie University, Canada) and co-affiliated with the Commission on Epidemics. Three registered panelists were able to present their papers online during the conference. Divesh Dik presented a paper entitled “Association of the Anthropometric Parameters with the Vitamin D Deficiency among the Adult Females of Chandigarh, India”, in which he discussed the various factors associated with the level of vitamin D in the body. In her paper entitled “‘We are Dropping Like Flies’: Consequences of Pandemic Best Practices for U.S. Older Adults in a Retirement Community”, Alexandra Crampton analyzed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of the residents of Wisconsin, USA. She also emailed her paper to the panel convenor. Madhu Kumari, in her paper entitled “An Assessment of Non-communicable Diseases in Oraons of Odisha”, considered the various factors affecting the health of the Oraons. Hedviga Tkáčová, a registered panelist, was not able to join through the official zoom link due to unforeseen reasons, but she submitted her paper to the panel convenor by email. Her paper, entitled “Social Media as Subjects of Culture Assisting in the Grieving Process during the COVID-19 Pandemic”, dealt with how changing social patterns consequent upon the development of social media have affected changing patterns of grieving in the context of diseases, as well as death.

Commission on Anthropology of the Middle East

The journal *Anthropology of the Middle East* (ISSN 1746-0179) has been published on a biannual basis under the auspices of the IUAES Commission on the Middle East by Berghahn Publishers since first being proposed in 2004. Earlier this year it was accepted for indexation in the prestigious ASCI-Database, which in the words of the notification letter “underscores its academic significance and contribution to its respective field. The recognition gained from this indexation will undoubtedly amplify the visibility and impact of the research published within your journal.” In December 2023 the journal also issued a call for papers for a future special issue to be published in Winter 2024 entitled “The Middle East in Turmoil”. The call’s deadline was 15 February 2024.

The Commission also issued a call for panels for its 2024 conference on the theme “Fortitude in Face of Turmoil”, to be held 4-6 September at the Institut Francais d’Etudes Anatolienne in Istanbul, Turkey. Panel proposals were due by 10 January, with final versions to be finalised for a call for papers by 30 June 2024.



IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy, and Development Practice

The IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy, and Development Practice spearheaded an internship programme for young scholars of the Global South, geared towards leadership, anthropological exposure, exploration and expansion of visionary horizons and in-depth involvement in the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023, laying the foundation for future engagements with the IUAES-WAU. The programme began in January of 2022 and continued for one and a half years. The programme had 50 interns, of which 15 interns were recognized for a distinction, based on their performance. The programme included myriad interactions with senior anthropologist, as well as entrepreneurs, experts and practitioners of other fields of arts and social sciences, including dance, skill development, alternate learning, and palliative care. There was sensitization towards issues of health and well-being, sustainability, neuro diversity, gender, fieldwork ethics and other foci. Commission members and senior IUAES office bearers actively participated in sharing their research, experiences and expertise. The internship was accomplished under the aegis of Prof. S.M. Patnaik (Chair, 19th IUAES-WAU Anthropology Congress and the Commission’s Chair) and Prof. Thomas Reuter (Commission’s Co-Chair), and was managed by Dr. Indrani Mukherjee (Course Coordinator and Secretary for the Commission) and Dr. Ritika Gulyani (Member of the Commission)

Members of the commission also participated in panels of critical concern and enquiry at the 19th IUAES-WAU World Congress 2023. It supported six panels:

1. Food for the Future: Livelihoods, Food Systems Security, Resilience and Renewal in the Age of Permacrisis
2. Himalayan Anthropology: Issues of Climate Dynamics and Corporate Sustainability
3. Digital Culture: Continuities of the Physical and Virtual Worlds
4. Rights, Entitlements and Policy Measures for the Nomadic Communities: Forging a Way Forward for Inclusive Development
5. Anthropology in India: Institutional Histories and Practices
6. Women and Work: Psychosocial Distress with the Advent of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

These panels included participation from all over the globe, with presenters from India, Nepal, Singapore, Australia, Brazil and the USA. Two of these panels also involved collaboration with the IUAES Commission on Education and Commission for the Anthropology of Food respectively. Plans for the upcoming congress in Johannesburg, as well as the future engagements of the commission, were discussed during the business meeting of the commission at the World Congress.

IUAES Commission on the Anthropology of Tourism

The leadership of the IUAES Commission on the Anthropology of Tourism – Natalia Bloch (co-chair) and Claudio Milano (co-deputy chair) – organized and convened an on-site panel, “Overlapping Fields of Migration and Tourism and the (Im)mobility Regimes”, which took place on the 19th of October. To foster inter-commission cooperation, the panel was co-sponsored by the Commission on the Anthropology of Migration. The panel’s aim was to analyze critically the relationship between privileged mobilities of tourists and (im)mobility of migrants working in tourist destinations to see how they reflect regimes of (im)mobility. We called for papers that discussed the overlapping fields of migration and tourism by exploring the precarity and aspirations in the life trajectories of migrant tourism workers, migrants as tourists, tourists-turned-migrants, and migrant tourist-workers.

The panel elicited great interest, but a few presenters were not able to attend the congress in Delhi. So, ultimately six papers in two sessions were presented: “Gambling with time: Chinese mobility in Cambodia pre- and post-Covid” by Roger Norum (Finland); “Informal economy and migrant workers in mature tourist destinations” by Claudio Milano (Spain); “Challenging lifestyle and economic mobility binary: The lifestyle choices of seasonal migrants in the tourism sector in India” by Natalia Bloch (Poland); “Migrations caused by tourism: Anthropological study of long-term relationships between Maasai men and Western women” by Elżbieta Wójcicka (Poland); “Image-induced mobility to Iceland” by Anna Wojtyńska (Iceland); and “Where the heart lies: the journey of becoming a native from a tourist via second and retirement homes” by Kamal Choudhary (India). The papers offered ethnographic insights into the intersecting fields of migration and tourism from Cambodia, India, Tanzania, Iceland, and Spain.


The commission also held an annual on-site business meeting to present its objectives and activities to potential new members and to discuss further projects. The Commission’s co-chair, Natalia Bloch, represented the Commission during the annual meeting of the IUAES Council of Commissions.



Commission on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development

The Commission on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development sponsored an online panel with the title of the commission itself at the 19th IUAES-WAU World Congress. The panel was co-convened by the commission’s chair and deputy chair, Viacheslav Rudnev of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, and James Phillips of the Wichita Indochinese Centre respectively. The panel demonstrated how issues in investigating Indigenous Knowledge in the context of a model of Sustainable Development hold interest not only for anthropological science, but also for contemporary society generally.

Anthropologists from Bangladesh, India, Italy, Japan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Russia and the USA presented their views in this panel. James Phillips focused attention on the legal right of Indigenous peoples to use their culture in protecting their lands and how they could refuse to accept projects oriented to changing their local landscape. He reminded listeners that Article 27 of the United Nations’ International Convention on Civil and Political Rights provides that all peoples have the right to enjoy their culture. Viacheslav Rudnev discussed how folk skills (e.g. in festivals and special rituals) perform the function of reducing anxiety in society. Regular festivals contribute not only to overcoming the monotony of everyday life, but also to reducing nervousness, which favored the emergence of a calm psychological climate in society. Marina Martynova analyzed the methodology of using Social Impact Assessments for estimation of social effects in projects based on the principles of sustainability in using local nature, showing how this methodology may be useful for reviewing the social effects of local projects.



Renata Freccero discussed problems of illegal immigration from poor countries to Europe. She treated the role of the islands Sicily and Lampedusa (to the south of Italy) with regard to problems faced by migrants, how climate change and socio-political reasons have contributed to the increasing illegal immigration in the region, and how bettering the lot of migrants in this region can be furthered by special international activities and projects. Some presentations were focused upon local folk beliefs and practices in regard to livelihoods and specific life-support activities. Linda Davis Stephens focused attention on saving heritage for health and community survival in catastrophic events experienced by tribal societies in North America. David Blundell presented his investigation of Vedda (Vanniyaletto) providing an important heritage source for sustainable development in Sri Lanka, as the Vanniyaletto continue to offer intimate knowledge of flora and fauna. Takuya Soma, Aizada Tynyeva and Yumi Takahashi presented a unique investigation of oral history and narratives about local wildlife among herder communities in the Issyk-kul area (Kyrgyz Republic). Rahman Masudur focused attention on the intangible cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples in Bangladesh, paying special attention to problems of vulnerability and the protection provided by cultural heritage in Bangladesh. Pawan Toppo, focused attention on the role of local religious beliefs, folk customs, rituals and festivals in the process of protecting local nature, focusing on their role in minimizing anthropogenic pressure on and conserving nature. Narendra Kumar Sharma, Shiv Prasad Sinha, Gopal Lal Choudhary, and Sailabala Dei presented the results of investigations in the Bihar area (India), where local peoples working in the agricultural sphere experience vulnerability to a number of natural factors, such as earthquakes, droughts and floods, the latter of which are active in a period between July and September. Their presentation demonstrated how using a new technology can assist in changing a local situation for the better and in realizing a model of sustainable development in the area.

Presentations in the panel were thus devoted to problems that have been pressing for modern society and interesting for anthropological science. The active discussion in the panel also focused special attention on the role of Professor Dorothy Billings (1933-2022) in organizing anthropological research on problems of Indigenous culture and sustainability in the IUAES.



Commission on Urban Anthropology (CUA)

The Commission on Urban Anthropology (CUA) sponsored two panels at the IUAES World Congress in Delhi, India:

Panel P001 (face-to-face): “Mobilities, uncertainties and social inequalities in times of crisis” convened by Prof. Marcello Mollica (University of Messina, Italy) and Dr Andrea Boscoboinik (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

Panel P085 (online): “Migration and Rights in Urbanization Processes” convened by Dr Maria Victoria Chenaut (Center for Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology, Mexico) and Dr Lucile Medina (Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier 3, France). This panel was cosponsored by the IUAES Commission on Human Rights.

The CUA also announces two publications. Firstly, The Legitimacy of Healthcare and Public Health, (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan), edited by I. Pardo and G.B. Prato, was published in the series Palgrave Studies in Urban Anthropology (PSUA) in 2023. This edited volume includes revised chapters originally presented at the Workshop entitled “Legitimacy: The Right to Health”, held in Montecatini Terme, Italy, in September 2021. This workshop was supported by the International Urban Symposium and a generous grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Secondly, An Anthropology of Urban Heritage, edited by Marcello Mollica and Giuliana B. Prato, will also be published in the series Palgrave Studies in Urban Anthropology. The book includes a selection of revised and expanded papers from the CUA panel “Paths to Build Legitimate Memories: Cultural Heritage at the Centre of the Socio-political Order”, which was presented in virtual mode at the 2021 IUAES Intercongress, Mexico.

Lifetime Contribution to Anthropology

A special panel was organised on 16th October 2023 to honour the unwavering dedication of the senior Indian anthropologists of international repute for their Lifetime Contribution to the discipline of anthropology. A note on their life and contribution to the discipline of anthropology was recited followed by traditional felicitation. Dr. Heather O'Leary and Dr. Noel B. Salazar did the honour of gracing the dignitaries with the memento and *angawastra*.

The ceremony was graced by Prof. Kailash C. Malhotra, Prof. Ravindra K Jain, Prof. Prasanta K Chattopadhyay, Prof. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, Prof. S N Ratha, Prof. T N Pandey, Prof. Mohan K Gautam and Prof. Narendra Kumar. Under the in-absentia category, the award was conferred to Prof. Ajit Danda, Prof. T N Madan, Prof. André Béteille, Prof. Mohinder K. Bhasin, Prof. Ranjana Ray, Prof. B.R.K. Shukla, Prof. Swadesh Seth and Prof. R S Khare. The session was coordinated by Prof. Soumendra M Patnaik and Prof. Sukant Chaudhury, and moderated by Dr. Nupurnima Yadav.

Distinguished Career in Anthropology

A special panel was organised on 18th October 2023 to honour the senior Indian anthropologists of international repute for their distinguished career and unwavering commitment to the discipline of anthropology. A note on their life and contribution to the discipline of anthropology was recited followed by traditional felicitation. Prof. Soumendra M Patnaik and Prof. Sukant Chaudhury did the honour of gracing the dignitaries with the memento and *angawastra*.

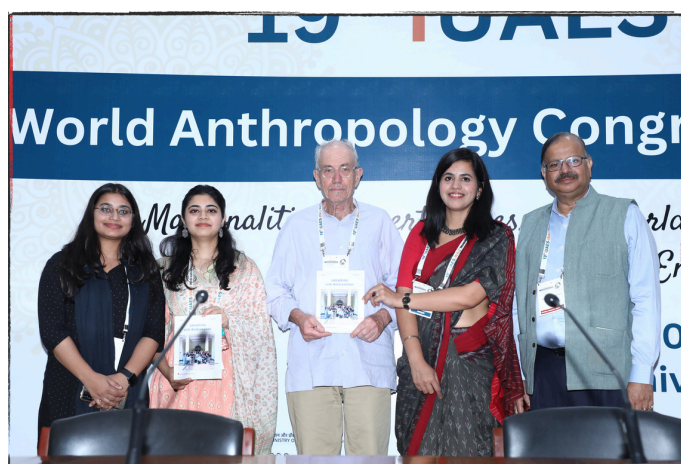
The ceremony was graced by Shri Gopabandhu Pattnaik IAS, Prof. Anup K Kapoor, Prof. G K Kshatriya, Prof. Subhadra Mitra Channa, Prof. Siva Prasad Rambhatla, Prof. Nadeem Hasnain, Prof. A Chellaperumal, Prof. B V Sharma and Prof. Rashmi Sinha. Under the in-absentia category, the award was conferred to Prof. Satwanti Kapoor, Prof. P K Ghosh and Prof. S L Malik. The session was coordinated by Prof. Soumendra M Patnaik and Prof. Sukant Chaudhury, and moderated by Dr. Rituraj Sharma.



Grooming Interns as future ambassadors of Anthropology-Making History

19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023 made history by grooming future leaders for/of anthropology through an internship programme of young scholars from various parts of the globe, including Brazil and Italy. Approved by the IUAES EC, the internship programme was spearheaded by the Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice.

The internship focused on leadership skills, anthropological exposure, expansion of visionary horizons, and in-depth involvement in the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023, while laying the foundation for future engagements with IUAES-WAU. The programme began in January of 2022 and continued for one and a half years. One of its significant achievements was the facilitation of participation, of young scholars from the global south, in global discourses. The programme had 50 interns, of which 15 interns were recognised for a distinction, based on their performance. The programme saw myriad of interactions with senior anthropologist and entrepreneurs, as well as experts and practitioners of other fields of arts and social sciences, including dance, skill development, alternate learning, palliative care. There was sensitization towards issues of health and well-being, sustainability, neurodiversity, gender, fieldwork ethics etc. Commission members of Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice, and senior IUAES office bearers actively participated in sharing their research, experiences and expertise. The interns were also motivated to present and discuss their work. The programme facilitated networking between both peers and across generations of anthropologists. The internship was accomplished under the aegis of Prof. S. M. Patnaik (Chair, 19th IUAES-WAU Anthropology Congress and Chair, IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice) and Prof. Thomas Reuter (Co-Chair, IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice), and was managed by Dr. Indrani Mukherjee (Course Coordinator and Secretary, IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice) and Dr. Ritika Gulyani (Member, IUAES Commission on Anthropology, Public Policy and Development Practice).



Post-Congress of 19th IUAES- WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023 Kolkata | 27-28 October 2023

The Post-Congress of 19th IUAES- WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023 was held in The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, on 27-28 October 2023 under the theme *"The Roots of Indian Anthropology: Transition from the Colonial Period to the Present"*. This prestigious organisation was founded in 1784 by Sir William Jones. The society, has a rich collection of artifacts, records, many high-end publications and library resources, fostering scholarly endeavours in Anthropology, Archaeology, and Linguistics. It conducts research works on aspects of culture, economy, art and heritage, religion, environment, development and history of India. The Post-Congress was a great opportunity for scholars to gain a comprehensive understanding of the historical significance of Indology and Anthropology in Indian heritage, both on a global and local scale. It was a two-day event that began with discussions about the evolution of Anthropology and acknowledged its contributions before concluding with a display of publications and manuscripts, followed by a tour to the library.

Prof. Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President of The Asiatic Society initiated the programme followed by the welcome address by Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary. Prof. Junji Koizumi (Osaka University, Japan; President of IUAES) gave the inaugural address. The keynote address was given by Prof. Ajit K. Danda, the former Chair of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists and Former Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Government of India.

Many dignitaries and scholars across the country and the globe attended the conference. Dignified speakers Prof. Heather O'Leary, and Prof. Miriam Grossi gave insights on emergence of indigenous voices, methodologies and impact on Anthropology.

Prof. B.V. Sharma, Director of Anthropological Survey of India, chaired the special lecture by Prof. Felipe Fernandes (Chair, Council of Commission, IUAES) on Post Colonialism and Brazilian Anthropology. Conference Chair, Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik; Guest in Chief, Prof. Sukant Chaudhuri, eminent speakers Prof. Nilika Mehrotra and Prof. Deepshika Aggarwal also enriched the programme with their presence and provided insights on Post-Colonial Anthropology in India focusing on concepts of identity and interconnectedness.

This congress provided a platform to reflect upon the Indian Anthropology's evolution, adaptations, and dedication towards understanding diverse human experiences. The congress concluded by addressing current challenges through the perspectives of Applied Anthropology with a cultural understanding.

The programme rapporteurs of the Post-Congress were Ms. Sudeshna Biswas and Ms. Sonuja Nandinee Barik, doctoral scholars, from the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi.



Losses: Professor Dorothy Billings (17 June 1923 - 12 August 2022)




Professor Dorothy Billings, Department of Anthropology Wichita State University (Kansas, USA), was a well-known generalist in anthropology, specialist in Indigenous cultures, and a great enthusiast for anthropological research. Many of her colleagues, friends and former pupils were preparing to observe her 90th birthday on June 17, 2023, but, unfortunately, Professor Billings left us on August 12, 2022, after a brief illness.

Dorothy Billings studied anthropology at Columbia University (New York) under Margaret Mead. Later on, she graduated from the university of Sydney (Australia) with a Ph.D in Anthropology. She spent many years in Papua New Guinea, doing field work on the islands of New Hanover and New Ireland. Her book titled *Cargo Cult as Theater: Political Performance in the Pacific* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002) was one result of her long period of field work in the region, as were about 30 articles and many lectures.

1988 was an important year in the life of Professor Dorothy Billings. In that year she presented a lecture entitled “Anthropological contributions to the study of peace and war” at the 12th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. This congress gave her a splendid opportunity for presenting a paper on an anthropological topic of great practical importance and for participating in international anthropological discussions. Professor Billings actively participated in the international anthropological community not only in discussions on issues related to her research, but also for collaboration with scholars from different areas of the world. In 1994 Professor Billings presented the paper “Contrasting shapes of things to come: Cultures and natural environments” at the international conference “Ethnic Traditional Culture and Folk Knowledge”, organized by the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences.

In 1998, at the 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, held in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA, Dorothy Billings and Viacheslav Rudnev organized the Commission on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development in the hope of catalyzing active engagement with problems related to incorporating Indigenous knowledge in achieving sustainable development for humankind. One main goal of exploring this nexus is the minimization of imbalances in the human-nature-society interactional system in order to guarantee a future for humankind. Folk/Indigenous technologies in life-support activities, as well as Folk/Indigenous social structures, ethics and worldviews, are central foci in cross-cultural interdisciplinary research and very important for the research of this commission co-initiated by Professor Billings.



The Commission on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development has become an important part of IUAES activities. Professor Billings was very active in organizing panels under the sponsorship of the commission at various (world) congresses and intercongresses of the IUAES. Dorothy Billings and Viacheslav Rudnev were co-chairs of the commission's panels at the 15th IUAES Congress in Florence (2005), the 16th Congress of the IUAES in Kunming (2009), the 17th IUAES Congress in Manchester (2013), and the 18th IUAES World Congress in Florianopolis (2018).

The commission also organized panels at the (inter-)congresses in Göttingen (2001), Tokyo (2002), Kolkata (2004), Cape Town (2006), Belek (2010), Perth (2011), Chiba City, Greater Tokyo (2014), Bangkok (2015), Dubrovnik (2016), Ottawa (Canada, 2017), Poznan (Poland, 2019), Yucatan (Mexico, 2021), and Šibenik (2021). These commission-sponsored panels have given the opportunity to hundreds of anthropologists engaged in research on topics relevant to the commission to participate by giving presentations. In addition to publications that have resulted on the part of individuals involved in these panels, some results of the commission's activity were published in *Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development*, edited by Dorothy Billings and Viatcheslav Rudnev (Beijing: The Intellectual Publishing House, ISBN: 978-7-5130-0824-2/D·1326) as part of the 32-volume book series issued based on panels and other events in the 16th World Congress of the IUAES in Kunming. Throughout its activities the commission has promoted interdisciplinary approaches and cross-cultural investigations.

Professor Billings was also actively involved in anthropological meetings at national and regional levels throughout the world, giving papers at local anthropological conferences and meetings in the USA and Europe. For example, in 2014 she initiated organizing a panel entitled "Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development" at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington DC, USA. Anthropologists from India, Russia, and the USA participated in the panel.

Throughout her career Professor Billings engaged with new ideas and practical orientations in anthropology and other human sciences. Each year she shared new ideas with anthropologists working on common issues, especially drawing on conceptualizations emerging from her IUAES activities. She remained very active up to her final days. In 2022 she published her article "The Loss of Indigenous Languages" in volume 2 of the Russian journal *Herald of Anthropology* (*Vestnik Antropologii*). She also had a strong wish to participate in the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress in India and organize a commission panel, but her passing prevented her from realizing this aspiration. She remained to her death a great enthusiast and promoter of anthropological science and of fieldwork as a pathway to knowledge. She loved humankind, nature and life and actively searched for ways to achieve sustainable development moving forward into the Third Millennium. Dorothy Billings was a luminary for the world anthropological community and a formidable representative of the IUAES.

Viacheslav Rudnev





GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE DIALOGUE SUMMIT , KUALA LUMPUR (6 OCTOBER, 2023)


Reported by Prof.Subhadra Channa, Vice President, IUAES

This summit was organized by the Regional Focal Point for Asia and the Pacific of the International Science Council (ISC RFP-AP) and hosted by the Australian Academy of Science. The Regional Focal Point had been recently established by the ISC to ensure that the specific interests of the Asia Pacific region are adequately represented in the deliberations and actions of the ISC. I was initially invited by name for the inaugural meeting, “Members Meet and Greet”, which was held virtually under the supervision of Dr. Petra Lundgren, Director ISC RFP-AP, on the 26th Of April 2023, 2.45 AEST. My interventions in that meeting were appreciated and recognized. I met Petra in person at the meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

There were two workshops, one was of young scientists and the other was on truth and responsibility in science. I opted for the second workshop, which was chaired by Dr. Paul Atkins, CEO, The Royal Society Te Apārangi of Aotearoa New Zealand. Before the commencement of the meeting I had the chance to interact with several participants over lunch and coffee. One important meeting was with the director of Science and Technology and Studies (STS) of the University of Malaya, which opened up the conversation on the importance of the social sciences in the fields of applications of science, ethics of scientific research, and policy making and scientific communication, all of which are part of the curriculum of this course. It is a graduate course so that students come in from all branches of science, but, as is to be expected, the teachers are all from sociology. The interest in the contribution of social sciences to applications of science and its practice is now being felt and is incorporated into the syllabi of courses in many countries. In this sense my presence as a representative of anthropology was much appreciated.

One important person to meet was the representative of the International Network for Advancing Science and Policy (INASP), based in Oxford, UK, and an affiliate of ISC. This is an organization devoted to facilitating the access, production and use of research information and knowledge across the globe. Their representative, Dr. Haseeb Irfanullah, is from Bangladesh and hails from Dhaka.

The important points that came up for discussion were regarding the lack of academic freedom for scholars who are not based in democratic countries, the need to emphasize the right of all scholars to participate in and benefit from scientific research, and parity in publications. It was also pointed out that the terms Freedom and Responsibility are culturally based and historically bound. Most participants from the Asia Pacific Region were sensitive to the issue of Euro-centric domination and Western interpretation of terminology. The need was felt to give due importance to Indigenous knowledge and ways of thinking. In short, much of the discussion resonated with what anthropologists have been discussing for decades. The point that I raised in the discussion related to power and domination, the ruthless exploitation by corporate interests, aided and supported by states, of the natural resources of countries, especially of the Global South, and what could be done by an organization such as the ISC to counter it. I also emphasized that WAU as an organization has been doing its bit to support scholars across the globe who are being persecuted for raising their voices in protest.



WAU has been writing letters and also extending empathy to those in jail or who otherwise find themselves in precarious situations. Later in the day, Nancy Pritchard, Director, International Programs and National Committees of the Australian Academy of Science, came to me and personally commended my remarks saying that what I said was a serious issue that needs to be considered by all science associations. On the main day of the Global Knowledge Dialogue, the Deputy Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, raised the matter of environmental concerns and the cost-benefit issues of the ruthless and indiscriminate exploitation of resources for merely enhanced GDP figures. He indicated through data sharing how loss of GDP because of these issues runs into billions of dollars and continues to happen every year as a result of environmental disasters set off by indiscriminate use of science and technology. He identified National Planetary Health Challenges as one of the primary concerns of governments. His views were a strong pointer to the relevance of anthropology and related disciplines in regulating as well as predicting best practices for the application of science.

The representatives of the ISC, namely chair Peter Gluckmann, CEO Salvatore Arico and others echoed many of the issues raised by reiterating that the ISC by presenting one unified strong voice was a better platform to deal with issues than multiple weaker voices. This somewhat answered the question that I had raised the previous day. There is also the proposal to establish the ISC Foundation, a charitable trust to help scientists in need. Other representatives of the ISC – Dr. Asma Ismail, President National Planning Health Application Plan (NPHAP) of Malaysia, Huadang Guo, Director General of the International Research Council of Big Data for Science, and Anne McNoughton of the Australian National University – all expressed similar concerns. Dr. Asma Ismail described how they were now using Indigenous knowledge to manage river pollution and health in Malaysia. As a rejoinder, I had made the intervention that anthropologists all over the world and for decades have already been researching and also foregrounding concepts such as Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous systems of dealing with crucial environmental issues. If mainstream science is now willing to incorporate these systems in their own body of knowledge, then relevant data and information can be excavated from the existing enormous data base available in anthropological literature. In response to my intervention, the Chair Peter Gluckman stood up and reiterated that the conventional definition of science cannot claim to answer each and every question, and scientists should have the humility to acknowledge that there are other systems of knowledge that they must access. Dr. Sujatha Raman, Director of Research and UNESCO Chair-Holder, Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS), echoed my statements in saying explicitly on another platform that the WAU representative has rightly mentioned that anthropology has accumulated a vast storehouse of knowledge that needs to be tapped if the scientists are aiming to find solutions to many of the ills facing the world today. It was a direct and very significant acknowledgement of both WAU and of anthropology.

The overall tone of the meeting was heavily weighted in favor of social and cultural factors that shape the application of science, of global inequalities that make the position of some nations and of individual scientists rather precarious, and, as pointed out by Sujatha Raman, how inequality is a driver of change and not just a background to change. The important questions were to find ways for science to make an impact on policy making (something I had pointed out on the first day). It was proposed that scientists, politicians and policy makers must share the same table and consult with each other.

WORLD ANTHROPOLOGICAL UNION (WAU) CONGRESS 2024

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Reimagining Anthropological Knowledge: Perspectives, Practices, and Power

11-15 November 2024

As everyone is doubtless aware by now, Anthropology Southern Africa (ASnA) is hosting the inaugural World Anthropological Union (WAU) Congress 2024, running November 11th to 15th, 2024, in Johannesburg (see the conference description below). ASnA represents anthropologists from seven southern African countries. The Congress Organising Committee has finalised 115 exciting panels, and the call for papers, roundtables, workshops has been launched, as well as the call for film and book launches shortly thereafter (see all these calls below). The deadlines for submissions in response to these calls has now been extended to 27 May 2024.

ASnA has added an additional and unique format to the WAU Congress, namely the lekgotla. Lekgotla loosely translates as 'a meeting place for village assemblies' in seSotho, one of South Africa's eleven official languages. Here we envision capturing the spirit of the practice as similar to a "living laboratory" in spaces outside of the university through experimentation, interdisciplinarity, collaboration, interaction, and improvisation. The goal of the Congress organizers is for delegates to engage with the city of Johannesburg, its surrounding areas and its many residents. In this sense, lekgotla organizers will explore outside venues (museums, churches, galleries, offices, parks, streets, suburbs), and invite institutions, activists, small businesses, NGOs, embassies, etc. to engage with anthropologists in workshops/small programmes.

From 115 panels, 73 countries are represented among the panel organizers, ranging from European and other sizable countries to the likes of Argentina, Burkino Faso, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Haiti, and the list continues. We are expecting 500 academics in person and another 500 online. We are pleased to see some of our international guests have already submitted papers and panels to our pre-Congress local ASnA conference. Please consider submitting a paper or panel for our second round of submissions.



Call for Papers + Workshops + Round Tables

General Rules for Submission

- All proposals have to be submitted online through the congress website.
- A person can convene/moderate only one of the three activities, ie. a panel, a round table, or a workshop.
- At least one proposer for a panel, a round table, or a workshop must hold a PhD at the time of submission.
- A convenor/moderator can have up to two other roles such as a roundtable discussant, Lekgotla collaborator, paper presenter, or submit a book launch or film screening etc.
- All proposals must be in English.
- All proposals must be made via the online form, not by email.
- Online registration fees will be lower than in-person fees.
- The deadline for submissions is below.
- On submission of any proposal, the proposer (but not the co-proposers) will receive an automated email confirming receipt.
- Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Call for Papers - WAU Congress 2024

Deadline: 27 May, 2024

Before proposing a paper, please read the conference theme, the rules below, and then browse the [list of panels](#). Panels conveners have specified in person/online only or a hybrid mode when proposing their panels, and this cannot be changed: you should pay attention to the mode of the session you are proposing to before you submit your proposal. For panels that indicate they will accept presentations in other languages the presenters must provide detailed slides in English when presenting.

Proposals will be marked as pending until the end of the Call for Papers. Panel convenors will then be asked to make their decisions over the papers proposed to their panel and to communicate those to the proposers, marking them up within the login environment. Papers which are neither accepted nor rejected but marked for 'transfer' (by the panel convenors), will be given the opportunity to be re-housed into other panels or open panels. The conference organisers will contact authors of such proposals asking them to modify their abstracts to fit another panel of their choosing. We will advise as to panels containing fewer than the allowed maximum which are thus able to include a few more papers.

The Congress is also running a call for individual papers in order to accommodate papers which may be of academic merit, but do not thematically fit into any of the existing panels. Once the call has closed, the scientific committee will evaluate the individual papers. After this, they will be grouped into panels of four or five presenters and scheduled alongside other panels.

SUBMIT A PAPER PROPOSAL



Call for Round Tables - WAU Congress 2024

Deadline: 27 May, 2024

Roundtables date back to 1155 A.D. when King Arthur popularised the phrase with his group of advisors known as the Knights of the Round Table. Typically, roundtable discussion is an organised conversation with one moderator, several chosen speakers that bring a variety of perspectives to a subject. Roundtables should have a diverse spread of discussants who offer different points of view if a hot topic OR a group of niche experts together to form a comprehensive knowledge on a subject. Roundtables are closed; however, discussants DO NOT present papers. The WAU Congress Scientific Committee will enforce this rule. The two moderators will propose at least three confirmed discussants at the time of proposal submission. More names can be included later.

- Round tables are in person, online or hybrid.
- Round tables are in English only.

SUBMIT A ROUND TABLE PROPOSAL

Call for Workshops - WAU Congress 2024

Deadline: 27 May , 2024

We welcome two kinds of workshops. One is a practical educational session where participants learn new skills or methods. They are guided by an expert who illustrates how to perform something, after which participants typically get to try out the new abilities or methods for themselves. The other invites conveners to experiment with or approach questions through multimodal and sense-scape work that is non-textual, alternate, innovative and immersive. We welcome formats such as performance, poetic, visual, aromatic, tactile, video, auto-, fictional, and experimental forms of ethnography.

- Workshops are in person only.
- Workshops are in English only

SUBMIT A WORKSHOP PROPOSAL



Call for Lekgotla + Films + Book Launches

We seek lekgotlas, films, and book launches that speak, but are not limited to: Changing fields of anthropological subdisciplines; The politics of producing social, cultural, linguistic, biological and paleo-anthropological knowledge; Ideas and ideals of ethnographic and ethnological practice; Post-covid practices in anthropological knowledge making; Digital worlds and the role of new technologies in fieldwork; The legitimacy of museums and collections as knowledge repositories; Ideas of truth and/ or post-truth in knowledge-making and representation; Anthropology as the humbling practice of learning; Tensions between local knowledge production and academic knowledge production; Disaggregating local knowledges in light of critical decolonial perspectives; Challenges and successes of the decolonial imperative; Decoloniality and criticality: overlaps, tensions, and differences; The politics of disseminating knowledges; Manifestations of hegemony in knowledge production, and their dangers; The knowledges which one can't quite see, hear, touch, feel, smell; Survival, revival and flourishing in a "post"-catastrophic world; Changing ethics, methods and techniques in ethnographic research; (Re)production of hegemony and hierarchy in anthropological research; Pleasure, joy and fun in anthropological research; Anthropology out of the "Ivory towers"; "Studying up" and anthropology of institutions/elites etc; Creativity and the art in/of/as research.

Submit a Lekgotla, Films, or Book Launches proposal

Call for Lekgotla

Deadline: 27 May, 2024

Call for Films

Deadline: 27 May, 2024

Call for Book Launches

Deadline: 27 May, 2024



Anthropology Southern Africa (AsnA) warmly invites you to join us in Mzansi/South Africa for the inaugural World Anthropological Union (WAU) Congress from November 11 to 15, 2024. Organized by Anthropology Southern Africa and hosted by the University of Johannesburg, this groundbreaking event promises a rich exploration of anthropological knowledge under the theme:

“Reimagining Anthropological Knowledge: Perspectives, Practices, and Power”


Anthropology, as with other disciplines in the arts and social sciences, has engaged over decades with multiple paradigmatic shifts and critiques of the ways in which anthropological knowledge is gathered, organised, presented and theorised. From the 1960s onwards, anthropological knowledge has engaged with, and seen concomitant shifts in practice as a result of [post-] theoretical movements, including Post-structuralism; Post-modernism; Post-colonialism; Post-socialism; Post-humanism; Post- post-colonialism; decolonial shift; and Post-truth.

Recent shifts in some spaces have also critiqued even the notion of ‘post-’, such as the decolonial movement, for example, which argues that post-colonialism does not take critique far enough, and that social theory should strive instead for decolonial approaches.

All of these critiques share a core concern with recognising the constructedness of knowledge, and the power relations that underlie what we know and how we know it. Anthropology has a slightly different perspective to many other social science disciplines in that the discipline itself is premised on a recognition of the inherent value of plural knowledge forms, through cultural relativism and an historic and contemporary disciplinary stance against ethnocentrism. Against this set of concerns, we propose a WAU Congress that engages with anthropological knowledge making in its various forms, recognising theoretical, geographical, socio-political contextual and ontological differences in how anthropological knowledge is made, transmitted and distributed in varied spaces.

Information/ Questions: info [at] waucongress.org





The World Anthropological Union (WAU) is an inclusive, cooperative forum that invigorates transnational anthropologies. WAU is the interface that unites the missions of the IUAES and the WCAA, galvanizing person-to-person international dialogues and stimulating cooperative exchange among anthropological associations. As a member of the ISC and the CIPSH, WAU represents the ethical and scientific values of the field as the discipline's primary international organization.

Read the World Anthropological Union (WAU) Congress 2024 privacy statement [here](#).

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